†[.....مداخلت..... منسٹر صاحب نے اس کا الیکھ ہی نہیں کیا.....مداخلت.....

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहलुवालिया: सर, ये पहली बार एक्आरण्डी॰ मिनिस्टर नहीं बने हैं। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: कुछ रिकॉर्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है, मैं आपको बता दूं। मैंने आपको एक ऐश्योरेंस दे दिया कि कोई भी अनपार्लियामेंटरी वर्ड होगा, मैं उसको देखूंगा और प्रोसीडिंग से हटा दूंगा। ...(व्यवधान)... अहलुवालिया जी, आप बीच में खड़े मत होइए ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद: सर, आप पढ़कर सुनाइए कि उन्होंने यह कहा है या नहीं। ...(व्यवधान)...

†[شری غلام نبی آزاد: سر، آپ پڑھ کر سنایئے کہ انہوں نے یہ کہا ہے یا نہیں۔ .....مداخلت.....

श्री सभापति: मैंने आपको कह दिया कि मैं सारी प्रोसीडिंग्ज़ को स्वयं देखूंगा, कोई भी इस तरह की बात होगी, तो वह प्रोसीडिंग का पार्ट नहीं होगी। मैं स्वयं इसको देखूंगा।

*365.[The questioner (Shri Nandi Yellaiah) was absent. For answer *vide* page 26]

Encroachment on Tomb of Mirza Ghalib

*366. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:††
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Tomb of Mirza Ghalib, the renowned poet, situated within the Hazrat Nizamuddin's complex in Delhi has been encroached;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Archaeological Survey of India to remove the encroachment; and

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† Transliteration in Urdu Script

††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Vijay Mallya.

(c) whether any expert committee has been constituted to protect world heritage sites and monuments in Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Lal Gumbaz, Firoz Shah Kotla, Mubarkshan Tomb and other such monuments in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Tomb of Mirza Ghalib is not a Centrally protected monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. However, all the encroachments were removed as per the Supreme Court of India directions issued in 1997. Therefore, there is no encroachment at the monument at present. In order to prevent encroachments in future certain measures have been undertaken at a cost of Rs. 7,15,000/-.

(c) No such expert committee has been constituted by the Archaeological Survey of India.

DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Hon. Chairman, Sir, the reply from the hon. Minister says that the tomb of Mirza Ghalib does not have any further encroachments because the encroachments were removed by the directions of the Supreme Court of India. I referred earlier, Chairman, Sir, to preventive maintenance and preventive preservation. Why is it that we have to wait for a court directive in order to remove encroachments from our national monuments? Going on from there, the Parliamentary Standing Committee has made certain observations against the functioning of the Archaeological Survey of India and has made an observation, I understand, which says that the ASI lacks in farsightedness and has confused thinking. I do not want to question this particular comment, but would say that these archaeological monuments and national treasures that we have in our country are irreplaceable and form a unique and a very strong and a significant part of this country's heritage and culture quite apart from the various benefits that can accrue in terms of tourism etc. for the future and indeed in the educational process of our children. I, therefore, would like to know from the Government why there is no concrete plan or

scheme to indulge in preventive maintenance, sufficient resource allocation, employment of foreign experts because I have seen a lot of patch work being done at various monuments which seem to suggest a sort of crisis management approach.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I share the hon. Member's profound concern for the protection, preservation and conservation of our monuments. I am aware, Sir, that the hon. Member has been taking a lot of interest in this area. I compliment him for having acquired the things relating to Tipu Sultan. I have not said this, Sir, I must clarify that the tomb of Mirza Ghalib was not a protected monument. Therefore, there was no question of preventive maintenance. However, as has been clarified in the answer, encroachments were removed way back in 1997, as per the Supreme Court's direction. We, in fact, went in for preliminary notification for declaring the Tomb of Mirza Ghalib, the famous 19th Century renowned poet as a protected monument. In the meantime, one person claiming to be a member of Loharu's family objected; however, we have decided to go ahead, and take over the monument. As far as comments relating to the Standing Committee's Report are concerned, Sir, I don't know whether it is relevant, but I will not be in a position to respond.

SHRI LALIT SURI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, as per the ASI there are about 3,656 monuments in this country which have been declared as of national importance. We really, don't know how many of them exist in Delhi. Some of them, which we do know, are Qutab Minar, Red Fort, Purana Kila, Humayun's Tomb, Safdarjang's Tomb, Firoz Shah's Tomb, Ghalib's Tomb and Nizamuddin's Tomb. I would like to know from the hon. Minister, what is the firm policy for restoration? There was a talk, earlier, that private enterprises will be involved in the upkeep of these monuments. Is it still there, or not? Our colleague, Shri Vijay Mallya has got some Tipu Sultan's relics outside India. Now, he has been asked that if he brings them to India, they will be confiscated, because they are of national heritage. This is the position. He has paid for that. He is not going to bring them into the country. I would also like to know from the hon. Minister what is the policy on this?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, Delhi is a culturally rich city. It is a great heritage city. There are hundreds of monuments. However, Delhi has 171 monuments protected under the ASI. They are all being taken

care of very well. Sir, as for the question relating to public-private partnership in the upkeep of these monuments, I need to say that we do this through the National Culture Fund. All those who are interested are welcome to assist us in the upkeep, but I must also clarify the upkeep of these monuments will take place under the superintendence of the ASI. But all the donors are welcome to join the process...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Raashid Alvi.

AN HON. MEMBER: No, Sir, second supplementary ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI LALIT SURI: Sir, my second supplementary is on Tipu Sultan.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: That is a policy matter, Sir, I can have it looked into, though it is not relevant to the question. But, I must appreciate the question, I will not be able to give an impromptu answer.

SHRI RAASHID ALVI: Sir, Delhi Jumma Masjid is a very famous masjid, and it is, of course, of national importance. I would like to know whether the Government knows this very fact that there are so many cases pending in the High Court, and according to my information, there is one trust which is maintaining this Jumma Masjid. Does the Government consider the Delhi Jumma Masjid as a monument? If so, what is the role of the Archaeological Survey of India? Is the Government of India contemplating to take over Jumma Masjid and hand it over to the Wakf Board or to the Archaeological Survey of India?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, Jumma Masjid is one of the prime monuments of our country. However, ASI has not taken charge, because it is a living place of worship. In regard to any living place of worship, certain sensitivities are there. Having regard to sensitivities, our present policy is to see that we assist the Jumma Masjid authorities in maintaining it. We provide money for repair. But, however, technically, it is not treated as a monument under the ASI.

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया: सभापति महोदय, मंत्री महोदय ने 'Encroachment on Tomb of Mirza Ghalib' और दिल्ली के आसपास ASI के जितने मान्यूमेंट्स हैं, उनके बारे में बताया है। मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि आपने

ASI के द्वारा पूरे भारत में इन मान्यूमेंट्स की जो लिस्ट तैयार की है, वह आखिरी बार कब तैयार हुई थी और इसका आखिरी रिव्यू कब हुआ था? मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूं कि नयी और फ्रेश लिस्ट आप कब बनाने जा रहे हैं? बहुत से मान्यूमेंट्स ऐसे हैं जो ASI की लिस्ट में नहीं हैं, जो कि होने चाहिए और सारे भारत में ऐसी संस्थाओं की ऐनक्रोचमेंट बहुत ज्यादा तादाद में है, क्या आप इसके ऊपर विचार करेंगे?

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: For a change, it is a very good question.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, this is a continuous process. For example, I just now mentioned, Sir, the Tomb of Mirza Ghalib is going to be treated very soon as one of the protected monuments. So, it is not as though we subject ourselves to a periodic kind of appraisal, we take our monuments whenever we consider it necessary, whenever, Sir, we have enough funds. Sir, Parliament of India should be able to give me a lot of money. I am embarrassed by two kinds of things. First of all, we have huge embarrassment in terms of cultural wealth and, equally, great embarrassment in terms of poor budgetary provisions.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, I asked, when was the list last updated? ...(*Interruptions*)... सर, मैंने पूछा था कि लास्ट लिस्ट कब बनी, यह नहीं बताया....(व्यवधान)... यह नहीं बताया।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Ahluwaliaji, let me clarify. It is a continuous process. As of now, there are 3650.....(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: When was it last updated? ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: It is a continuous process. ...(*Interruptions*)... Now, we are going to take over the Tomb of Mirza Ghalib. Then, one will be added. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Are you doing some review or not?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: We are reviewing, but we are not reviewing for the sake of review. We will review keeping the monuments in view. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी: सर, मंत्री जी ने रिव्यू करने का आश्वासन दिया है, यह अच्छी बात है। आज के अखबार में रजिया सुलतान, जो हिन्दुस्तान की पहली महिला मलिका थीं

और 700-800 साल पहले उन्होंने हिम्मत की थी, उनके मजार के बारे में आया है। मैंने दिल्ली में तुर्कमान गेट के पास, बुलबुलेखाने में वह मजार देखा है। उसके ऊपर छत भी नहीं है और उसके बराबर में टायलेट बना हुआ है, उसकी बहुत बुरी हालत है। वह हिन्दुस्तान की औरतों के लिए और सारी दुनिया की मुसलमान औरतों के लिए एक रोल माडल है। उसको आप प्रोटेक्ट करने के लिए क्या करेंगे? यह खाली प्रोटेक्ट करने की बात नहीं है ...(व्यवधान)...

†[شری شاہد صدیقی : سر، منتری جی نے ریویو کرنے کا آشواسن دیا ہے، یہ اچھی بات ہے۔ آج کے اخبار میں رضیہ سلطانہ، جو ہندوستان کی پہلی مہلا ملکہ تھیں اور سات سو، آٹھ سو سال پہلے انھوں نے ہمت کی تھی؛ ان کے مزار کے بارے میں آیا ہے۔ میں نے دہلی میں ترکمان گیٹ کے پاس بلبلی خانے میں وہ مزار دیکھا ہے۔ اس کے اوپر چھت بھی نہیں ہے اور اس کے برابر میں ٹائلٹ بنا ہوا ہے، اس کی بہت بری حالت ہے۔ وہ ہندوستان کی عورتوں کے لئے اور ساری دنیا کی مسلمان عورتوں کے لئے ایک رول ماڈل ہے۔ اس کو آپ پروٹیکٹ کرنے کے لئے کیا کریں گے؟ یہ خالی پروٹیکٹ کرنے کی بات نہیں ہے.....مداخلت.....]

श्री सभापति: आप क्वेश्चन पूछिए।

श्री साहिद सिद्दिकी: उसको आप एक खूबसूरत शेप दे सकते हैं, उस हेरिटेज को बचा सकते हैं, उस हेरिटेज को एक माडल साइट बना सकते हैं, इसके बारे में आप क्या कर रहे हैं?

†[شری شاہد صدیقی : اس کو آپ ایک خوبصورت شیپ دے سکتے ہیں، اس ہیری ٹیج کو بچا سکتے ہیں، اس ہیری ٹیج کو ایک ماڈل سائٹ بنا سکتے ہیں، اس کے بارے میں آپ کیا کر رہے ہیں؟]

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I completely agree with him. I will have this matter examined. I am not in a position to say about this particular monument. But, I am completely of the same view, as the hon. Member has, that this monument needs to be attended to, not only in terms of upkeep but also in terms of restoration. ...(*Interruptions*)...

†[ ] Transliteration in Urdu Script

SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: What will you do and when will you do it? ...(*Interruptions*)... For the last thirty-forty years, we have been hearing this. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question. Question No. 367.

मौलाना ओबैदुल्लाह खान आजमी: सर मुझे भी पूछना है ...(**व्यवधान**)...

†[مولانا عبیداللہ خان اعظمی : سر، مجھے بھی پوچھنا ہے.....مداخلت.....]

श्री सभापति: नहीं, बहुत हो गया। प्रश्न संख्या 367.

मौलाना ओबैदुल्लाह खान आजमी: सर, जब भी मैं हाथ उठाता हूं, आप मुझे कभी भी मौका नहीं देते हैं।

†[مولانا عبیداللہ خان اعظمی : سر، جب بھی میں ہاتھ اٹھاتا ہوں، آپ مجھے کبھی بھی موقع نہیں دیتے ہیں۔]

श्री सभापति: अभी नहीं। प्रश्न संख्या 367.

Domestic violence

*367. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in domestic violence against women during 2004-05;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures Government are taking to check this trend; and

(d) the number of cases registered during the year and the number of persons prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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†[ ] Transliteration in Urdu Script.